

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize a select group of remarkable young athletes who have enjoyed considerable success through steadfast commitment to the highest standards of excellence; and

Whereas, the members of the Westport Edison Senior Academy Basketball Team in Kansas City, Missouri, distinguished themselves as they took Fourth Place at the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) 3A State Basketball Championships held March 9, 2002, at the Hearn Center in Columbia; and

Whereas, the first basketball team from Westport Academy to appear in state competition since the 1960s, the talented Blue Tigers played a hard-fought game against the team from New Madrid County Central to finish their incredible season with an impressive record of 23-7; and

Whereas, the Westport Edison Blue Tigers put on many spectacular performances throughout their exciting season to win the Kansas City Interscholastic League Conference, the Clinton Invitational Tournament, District 14 in Class 3A play, and Third Place in the Spring Hill Invitational; and

Whereas, the Westport Blue Tigers could not have attained such phenomenal success this season without the unparalleled guidance and leadership provided by Head Coach Roy Copeland, the first coach in school history to go to state competition in the second season of their coaching career, and Assistant Coaches Bernard Davis, Ed Smith, and Brian Murdock, all of whom have continually instilled within each of their talented players the desire to realize their full potential; and

Whereas, few high school students possess the athletic prowess displayed by Blue Tigers Timothy Felder, Brian Pickens, Russell Revels, Darrell Woodson, Rickey Lee, Lorenzo Black, Ronald Shephard, Michael Jefferson, Brandon Rush, Joshua Hudspeth, Montez Roberts, Deron Woodson, Michael Cobbins, Jerri Dunlap, and Jaron Thibeaux; and

Whereas, fellow students, faculty, and staff at Westport Edison Senior Academy, parents, and the entire community of Kansas City are exceedingly proud of the Blue Tigers for the impressive display of teamwork and unwavering unanimity while successfully aspiring towards incredible goals:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to the 2001-2002 Westport Edison Senior Academy Blue Tigers Basketball Team upon their many accomplishments and overall success this glorious season; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Westport Edison Senior Academy in Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by Representative Yvonne S. Wilson, No. 42
Representative Tim Van Zandt, No. 38
Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks, No. 37
Representative Craig Bland, No. 43

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do

certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. _____, adopted _____, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

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